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(Information as of 1200 EST, 14 November 1963)

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CUBA

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OLD-LINE COMMUNIST REMOVED FROM HAVANA UNIVERSITY POST
Increasing pressures confronting the regime at home and abroad may lead Castro to replace other officials he does not trust, although there is no other evidence at this time of any impending purge.

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CASTRO SNUBS SOVIET ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
In its efforts to avoid anything smacking of favoritism toward either Moscow or Peiping, the Castro regime reacted to the Soviet national holiday with a calculated perfunctoriness.

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THE COMMUNIST WORLD

USSR DISPLAYS NEW SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE
The large missiles shown publicly for the first time on 7 November are probably antimissile missiles as Soviet spokesmen have claimed.

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USSR CONTINUES TO CLAIM AUTHORITY OVER BERLIN ACCESS
Gromyko's assertion that existing autobahn procedures are based on Soviet-Western agreements in the early postwar period may be groundwork for seeking a four-power review of the access question.

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WALTER ULBRICHT'S DECLINING HEALTH
His recent forced absences from important functions have been accompanied by propaganda playing up his high position in the East German regime--probably to discourage any public hopes for his fall or for some liberalization of internal conditions.

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PEIPING'S INITIATIVES TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE

Recently concluded trade contracts and increased political activity in Western Europe suggest that the Chinese Communists are trying to end their isolation and reduce their vulnerability to Soviet pressures.

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ASIA-AFRICA

SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

Many plans of the new military rulers appear still in a formative stage, but preliminary steps have been taken. Viet Cong activity has intensified.

SOUVANNA'S RETURN TO LAOS COINCIDES WITH NEW FIGHTING

He is trying to revive the faltering coalition government at a time when fighting is increasing around the Plaine des Jarres. His talks in Moscow showed that the USSR remains unwilling to press the Pathet Lao or their North Vietnamese mentors to adopt a more cooperative attitude toward the Geneva accords

SOVIET CULTIVATION OF IRANIAN FRIENDSHIP

The forthcoming visit of Soviet President Brezhnev to Iran is the latest gesture in the USSR's 16-month campaign to improve relations between the two states.

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NEW UPHEAVALS IN IRAQ

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A long-simmering dispute between extremist and moderate factions of the ruling Baath Party broke out into open conflict this week.

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On Morocco and Algeria.

EUROPE

NATO MEETING TO DISCUSS WESTERN TRADE WITH BLOC

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The attraction of new markets in the bloc could lead some NATO members to overlook the economic and political ramifications of bloc trade and could create new frictions within the alliance.

SPAIN STRIVING TO INCREASE TRADE WITH CUBA

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It is unlikely, moreover, to discontinue its extensive sea and air communications with Cuba, although it did offer to "consider sympathetically" a US request that it halt specific strategic exports.

ITALIAN PREMIER-DESIGNATE BEGINS CABINET TALKS

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Christian Democrat Moro now has formally launched the formidable task of bringing the Socialists into a new center-left government.

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On Britain and on Greece.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

CONTROVERSY OVER ARGENTINE OIL CONTRACTS

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President Illia intends to carry out his campaign promise to annul contracts--which his party considers illegal--made with US and other foreign companies during the Frondizi administration. 25X1

AREA NOTES

On Latin American Communist Youth; and Surinam

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